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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

In February 1981 a survey, based on the monthly population survey, was conducted throughout Australia in order to obtain information about the labour force experience during the period February 1980 to February 1981 of civilians aged fifteen years and over. Information obtained included the length of time they were employed, looking for work or not in the labour force, the number of spells during which they were looking for work and other aspects of labour force experience.

2. A preliminary publication containing a summary of the survey results was issued on 14 July 1981 (6205.0). The present publication provides estimates in greater detail. Similar surveys were conducted in a number of earlier years, the first relating to 1968. Results were published in *Labour Force Experience, Australia* (6206.0). However, see paragraph 14 regarding the change in the reference period for the February 1981 survey.

3. The survey was based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 22,500 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.) and covered about one half of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information was obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on Monday, 9 February 1981.

Scope

4. The survey included all persons aged fifteen years and over except:

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces;
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations;
- (c) overseas visitors holidaying in Australia;
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia; and
- (e) boarding school students, some patients in hospitals and sanatoria, or inmates of jails, reformatories, etc.

5. The estimates relate to the labour force experience during the period February 1980 to February 1981, of persons covered by the survey in February 1981. Because of emigration, deaths and other exits not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.

Definitions

6. It is impracticable to obtain information, relating to the reference period, which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey (for which the reference period is one week). In particular it should be noted that whereas the monthly survey seeks information on job search during the four weeks prior to the interview week, and does not classify a person as unemployed unless active steps to obtain work were taken during those four weeks and the person was available to start work in the survey week, no such constraints applied in the labour force experience survey.

7. For this survey, each person was assigned to a labour force category for each week during the 12 months to February 1981 on the basis of his *reported activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during that week.

8. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during any week, were employed or looking for work as defined in paragraphs 9 and 10.

9. *Employed persons*. Persons were classified as employed for those weeks they reported having either worked or being on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay were excluded.

10. Persons were classified as *looking for work* for those weeks they reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

11. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during any week, were not employed or looking for work, as defined in paragraphs 9 and 10.

12. A person was classified as having worked *mostly full time* if the number of weeks in which he worked 35 hours or more (*full-time work*) exceeded or was equal to the number of weeks in which he worked less than 35 hours (*part-time work*). If the number of weeks worked full time was less than the number of weeks worked part time he was classified as having worked *mostly part time*. When absent on paid leave (including paid sick leave) he was classified according to the usual hours worked in the job from which he was absent.

13. For the purposes of the survey, a *job* was defined as:

- (a) employment as a wage or salary earner (or unpaid family helper) by a particular employer, in a particular locality; or
- (b) self-employment (with or without employees) in a particular locality.

Thus, a change of job may have involved a change of employer without a change of job locality; a change of locality without a change of employer; or a change in both employer and locality. For example, the movement of an employer's operations to premises in a different locality would entail a change of job for employees who moved to the new location. Promotion or transfer of an employee which involved a move to premises in a different locality would also constitute a change of job. In capital cities and major towns, each suburb was considered to be a different locality; otherwise, each town and each country area associated with a town constituted a separate locality. It should be noted, however, that for a person who worked at different sites for the same employer (for example, a construction worker), his base of operations (i.e. his employer's office, depot, yard, etc.) was considered to be his place of work.

Discontinuity in the series

14. The estimates in this publication are not strictly comparable with those obtained from previous labour force experience surveys. In previous surveys the reference period was the preceding calendar year. The February 1981 survey reference period was from the beginning of February 1980 to the end of the survey week. For this reason the reference period could extend to 54 weeks.

15. Although the reference period could extend to 54 weeks, persons who reported that they had worked for 52 weeks during the period were asked about their labour force activity at the time of the survey, but not for the remaining weeks of the period. If these persons were unemployed or not in the labour force at the time of the survey, they were classified as having been employed for 52 weeks and unemployed, or not in the labour force, respectively, for the balance of the period, i.e. 1 or 2 weeks.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. More information on this topic is given in the Technical note.

Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0)—issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia, September 1980 (6220.0)

Persons Looking for Work, Australia, July 1980 (6222.0)

Labour Mobility, Australia, February 1980 (6209.0).

18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 16 above.
- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available

19. Because figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

**TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a), FEBRUARY 1981 : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE
DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981**
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<i>Employment status</i>	<i>Married males</i>	<i>All males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Civilian population in February 1981	3,496.6	5,361.5	3,517.4	5,458.8	10,820.3
In the labour force at some time during the period	2,935.5	4,459.4	1,806.1	2,924.3	7,383.7
For the whole period	2,574.2	3,694.3	1,082.6	1,821.3	5,515.6
For part of the period	361.3	765.1	723.5	1,103.0	1,868.1
Employed at some time during the period	2,904.0	4,342.2	1,708.6	2,737.6	7,079.8
Mostly full time—					
No part-time work	2,758.4	4,005.6	907.1	1,660.4	5,666.0
Some part-time work	67.6	123.2	64.4	120.0	243.2
Mostly part-time—					
No full-time work	66.1	177.1	683.6	875.3	1,052.4
Some full-time work	11.8	36.2	53.5	82.0	118.2
Number of jobs held during the period(b)—					
One	2,473.5	3,585.7	1,517.3	2,328.3	5,914.0
Two	329.2	550.2	154.6	313.9	864.1
Three	63.0	122.4	24.6	56.8	179.2
Four	20.0	41.7	7.9	23.1	64.8
Five	7.9	19.4	*	7.6	27.0
Six or more	10.4	22.8	*	7.9	30.7
Looked for work at some time during the period(c)	220.3	597.4	247.6	584.8	1,182.2
One spell of looking for work	182.1	481.1	214.6	496.1	977.2
Two spells	23.4	75.5	21.4	61.3	136.8
Three spells	5.5	19.6	4.6	13.1	32.7
Four or more spells	9.2	21.1	7.0	14.4	35.5
Out of the labour force for the whole of the period	561.1	902.1	1,711.3	2,534.5	3,436.5

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (c) See paragraphs 6, 10 and 15 of the Explanatory notes, concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION(a) : LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, 1972 TO 1980
(per cent)

	1972	1974	1975	1976	1978	1979	1980(b)
Civilian population at the time of the survey	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
In the labour force at some time during the period	66.8	68.1	67.2	67.1	66.4	66.7	68.2
For the whole period	51.7	50.8	51.5	52.3	50.6	51.3	51.0
For part of the period	15.1	17.3	15.6	14.7	15.8	15.4	17.3
Employed at some time during the period	66.0	67.1	65.6	65.4	63.7	64.1	65.4
Mostly full time—							
No part-time work	56.9	56.6	55.2	54.1	51.7	52.0	52.4
Some part-time work	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.0	2.2
Mostly part time—							
No full-time work	7.3	8.5	8.5	9.2	9.0	9.1	9.7
Some full-time work	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.1
Number of jobs held during the period(c)—							
One	n.a.	55.4	54.4	54.1	53.3	54.0	54.7
Two	n.a.	9.0	8.4	8.1	7.3	7.1	8.0
Three	n.a.	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
Four	n.a.	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6
Five	n.a.	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
Six or more	n.a.	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3
Looked for work at some time during the period(d)	6.7	7.1	8.4	8.2	10.8	10.1	10.9
One spell of looking for work	5.2	5.7	6.5	6.5	8.8	8.3	9.0
Two spells	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	1.3
Three spells	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Four or more spells	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Out of the labour force for the whole of the period	33.2	31.9	32.8	32.9	33.6	33.3	31.8

(a) Non-institutional population aged 15 years and over. (b) Relates to the period February 1980 to February 1981. (c) Excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders. (d) See paragraphs 6, 10 and 15 of the Explanatory notes, concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

**TABLE 3. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE
DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 : AGE AT FEBRUARY 1981
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Age group (years)	<i>In the labour force at some time during the period</i>				<i>Average labour force(a)</i>			
	Males	Married females	All females	Persons	Males	Married females	All females	Persons
15-19	503.8	17.6	453.5	957.4	428.3	14.9	385.7	813.8
20-24	610.3	208.8	508.8	1,119.1	568.3	162.0	437.0	1,005.3
25-34	1,155.2	601.5	779.0	1,934.2	1,119.4	458.8	614.2	1,733.6
35-44	893.9	503.9	578.6	1,472.5	864.3	432.8	502.3	1,366.6
45-54	720.7	328.8	396.3	1,117.1	710.3	287.4	353.1	1,063.3
55-59	314.1	94.3	125.1	439.2	301.1	77.8	106.2	407.3
60-64	171.6	35.6	54.4	225.9	146.1	26.6	41.4	187.4
65 and over	89.8	15.6	28.5	118.3	66.0	10.2	22.8	88.8
Total	4,459.4	1,806.1	2,924.3	7,383.7	4,203.6	1,470.4	2,462.7	6,666.2

(a) Average of the monthly labour force survey estimates, February 1980 to January 1981.

**TABLE 4. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
PROPORTION OF POPULATION(a) AND AGE
(per cent)**

	<i>Age group (years)</i>								<i>Total</i>
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
Males	78.4	97.2	98.4	97.3	93.3	85.6	59.8	15.7	83.2
Married females	68.1	70.3	61.6	64.9	52.6	33.1	16.8	4.9	51.3
All females	73.5	81.8	65.9	65.8	54.0	34.0	17.7	3.8	53.6
Persons	76.0	81.9	82.1	81.9	74.1	59.7	38.1	9.0	68.2

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population in the same age group at the time of the survey.

**TABLE 5. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD, MARITAL STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL
IN AUSTRALIA
(' 000)**

Length of time in the labour force (weeks)	Born in Australia	Born overseas						Total	Total
		Period of arrival				Main English- speaking countries	Other countries		
		Before 1961	1961- 1970	1971- 1979	1980- Feb. 81				
Married males	2,057.2	389.1	297.8	172.2	19.1	367.7	510.5	878.2	2,935.5
1 and under 26	34.0	8.7	5.2	*	*	9.3	10.0	19.4	53.4
26 " 39	33.8	8.8	5.0	*	*	6.7	10.8	17.5	51.3
39 " 49	85.2	19.8	14.6	10.9	*	19.3	28.6	47.9	133.2
49 " 52	84.2	12.3	14.6	10.1	*	18.9	20.4	39.2	123.5
52 and over	1,820.0	339.4	258.5	146.1	10.1	313.5	440.7	754.2	2,574.2
All males	3,299.1	456.1	420.5	248.0	35.7	520.4	640.0	1,160.3	4,459.4
1 and under 26	206.7	11.5	21.2	13.1	6.9	25.7	27.0	52.7	259.4
26 " 39	75.8	12.5	11.3	*	*	13.8	18.2	31.9	107.7
39 " 49	148.7	22.9	21.0	18.7	5.1	31.9	35.8	67.7	216.3
49 " 52	131.3	15.3	18.2	13.5	*	26.1	24.1	50.3	181.6
52 and over	2,736.5	393.9	348.8	198.3	16.8	422.9	534.9	957.8	3,694.3
Married females	1,300.0	173.7	195.5	123.2	13.6	224.6	281.4	506.1	1,806.1
1 and under 26	223.8	23.2	28.6	16.7	5.1	36.9	36.8	73.7	297.5
26 " 39	111.1	11.7	15.4	9.5	*	15.2	23.9	39.2	150.3
39 " 49	132.4	16.2	15.5	9.0	*	22.0	20.4	42.3	174.7
49 " 52	73.6	8.2	10.9	8.2	*	14.7	12.7	27.4	101.0
52 and over	759.1	114.4	125.2	79.8	*	135.8	187.6	323.4	1,082.6
All females	2,225.7	215.6	279.9	176.4	26.8	339.9	358.8	698.7	2,924.3
1 and under 26	380.6	27.9	44.3	24.3	9.1	54.8	50.8	105.6	486.2
26 " 39	160.7	13.8	21.0	13.0	4.8	23.0	29.6	52.6	213.3
39 " 49	190.8	18.8	19.2	14.2	4.5	32.4	24.3	56.7	247.4
49 " 52	120.4	9.9	14.1	10.7	*	20.1	15.6	35.7	156.1
52 and over	1,373.2	145.1	181.3	114.2	7.4	209.5	238.6	448.1	1,821.3

**TABLE 6. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

<i>Length of time in the labour force during the period (weeks)</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
MALES									
1 and under 4	12.7	11.4	5.4	2.8	2.8	*	*	*	37.7
4 .. 13	49.4	37.2	21.6	14.9	13.4	4.1	*	2.4	143.4
13 .. 26	26.4	19.3	13.2	7.1	7.3	2.4	*	*	78.4
26 .. 39	35.6	25.2	18.3	10.4	13.1	2.6	*	*	107.7
39 .. 49	72.4	54.9	40.1	15.9	22.2	5.1	2.5	3.2	216.3
49 .. 52	61.5	50.2	26.9	10.6	23.1	4.0	*	3.2	181.6
52 and over	1,300.4	978.8	558.4	340.7	322.7	108.4	30.7	54.2	3,694.3
Total	1,558.4	1,177.1	683.8	402.4	404.6	127.4	38.4	67.2	4,459.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
1 and under 4	17.0	19.8	11.2	5.7	4.4	1.6	*	*	61.9
4 .. 13	39.1	32.5	18.0	11.3	10.6	3.0	*	*	117.8
13 .. 26	40.0	34.6	17.5	9.6	10.8	2.5	*	*	117.9
26 .. 39	45.9	44.6	26.6	12.7	12.5	4.2	*	*	150.3
39 .. 49	57.7	44.0	30.6	13.6	15.4	6.8	2.8	4.0	174.7
49 .. 52	30.9	27.6	15.8	10.6	10.0	2.5	*	3.0	101.0
52 and over	371.2	311.3	148.3	99.8	94.0	29.7	9.5	18.8	1,082.6
Total	601.8	514.5	268.0	163.2	157.7	50.3	17.3	33.3	1,806.1
ALL FEMALES									
1 and under 4	29.4	29.5	14.7	8.3	6.6	3.0	*	2.9	94.3
4 .. 13	72.0	60.8	32.5	20.7	21.7	6.5	*	3.2	219.4
13 .. 26	59.0	49.3	25.0	14.6	15.8	3.8	2.8	2.3	172.5
26 .. 39	70.1	57.6	37.0	18.3	17.9	5.7	3.6	3.2	213.3
39 .. 49	83.9	63.4	41.0	19.2	22.1	7.9	3.3	6.5	247.4
49 .. 52	50.8	42.3	23.2	16.1	15.5	3.0	*	4.6	156.1
52 and over	635.2	508.9	258.0	170.5	156.7	50.5	12.5	29.0	1,821.3
Total	1,000.3	811.7	431.4	267.6	256.3	80.6	24.7	51.8	2,924.3
PERSONS									
1 and under 4	42.1	40.9	20.1	11.1	9.4	3.9	*	3.5	132.0
4 .. 13	121.3	98.0	54.1	35.6	35.1	10.6	2.4	5.6	362.7
13 .. 26	85.4	68.5	38.1	21.6	23.1	6.2	3.7	4.2	250.9
26 .. 39	105.7	82.8	55.3	28.7	31.0	8.2	4.3	5.0	321.0
39 .. 49	156.4	118.3	81.1	35.2	44.4	13.0	5.8	9.7	463.8
49 .. 52	112.3	92.5	50.1	26.7	38.6	7.1	2.6	7.8	337.7
52 and over	1,935.6	1,487.7	816.3	511.2	479.4	159.0	43.2	83.2	5,515.6
Total	2,558.8	1,988.7	1,115.2	670.0	660.9	208.0	63.1	119.1	7,383.7

**TABLE 7. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD AND MARITAL STATUS
(' 000)**

<i>Length of time in the labour force during the period (weeks)</i>	<i>Married</i>			<i>Not married</i>		
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
1 and under 4	5.0	61.9	66.9	32.7	32.4	65.2
4 .. 13	18.3	117.8	136.1	125.1	101.6	226.7
13 .. 26	30.1	117.9	148.0	48.3	54.7	102.9
26 .. 39	51.3	150.3	201.6	56.4	63.0	119.5
39 .. 49	133.2	174.7	307.9	83.2	72.7	155.9
49 .. 52	123.5	101.0	224.5	58.1	55.0	113.2
52 and over	2,574.2	1,082.6	3,656.8	1,120.1	738.7	1,858.8
Total	2,935.5	1,806.1	4,741.6	1,523.9	1,118.2	2,642.2

**TABLE 8. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
LENGTH OF TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE PERIOD AND AGE
(' 000)**

Length of time in the labour force during the period (weeks)	Age group (years)								Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65 and over	
MALES									
1 and under 4	29.2	*	*	*	*	*	} 5.0 {	*	37.7
4 „ 13	95.9	25.5	6.2	*	*	*		5.6	143.4
13 „ 26	29.6	12.1	8.9	*	6.1	*	6.5	8.9	78.4
26 „ 39	22.3	15.4	24.6	14.3	9.4	6.4	10.3	5.0	107.7
39 „ 49	20.8	36.8	55.0	35.1	31.0	13.9	13.5	10.2	216.3
49 „ 52	16.2	30.3	56.1	34.6	25.9	11.9	*	*	181.6
52 and over	289.9	487.7	1,003.8	802.7	644.3	278.0	133.7	54.3	3,694.3
Total	503.8	610.3	1,155.2	893.9	720.7	314.1	171.6	89.8	4,459.4
MARRIED FEMALES									
1 and under 4	*	7.4	32.9	10.7	8.8	*	*	*	61.9
4 „ 13	} 4.9 {	19.9	46.9	27.9	14.3	} 6.8 {	6.7 {	*	117.8
13 „ 26		16.4	51.3	24.2	14.9			*	117.9
26 „ 39	} 5.0 {	19.1	62.4	38.3	17.6	5.2	} 8.1 {	*	150.3
39 „ 49		14.8	54.6	58.5	30.7	9.0		*	174.7
49 „ 52	} 7.5 {	11.1	34.6	27.6	19.4	5.0	*	*	101.0
52 and over		120.1	318.9	316.7	223.1	67.3	18.2	10.9	1,082.6
Total	17.6	208.8	601.5	503.9	328.8	94.3	35.6	15.6	1,806.1
ALL FEMALES									
1 and under 4	21.8	13.3	34.4	11.3	10.2	} 5.4 {	*	*	94.3
4 „ 13	75.8	34.5	53.6	29.5	15.3		5.4	*	219.4
13 „ 26	35.5	25.5	56.1	26.0	16.4	5.0	5.0	*	172.5
26 „ 39	34.8	32.6	70.9	41.7	20.3	6.2	5.7	*	213.3
39 „ 49	26.6	35.9	65.5	63.7	36.2	10.7	6.0	*	247.4
49 „ 52	18.8	26.8	46.9	31.8	22.2	6.0	*	*	156.1
52 and over	240.3	340.2	451.6	374.6	275.7	91.9	29.0	17.9	1,821.3
Total	453.5	508.8	779.0	578.6	396.4	125.1	54.4	28.5	2,924.3
PERSONS									
1 and under 4	51.0	15.7	35.1	12.6	11.4	*	*	*	132.0
4 „ 13	171.7	60.1	59.7	31.7	18.1	5.3	9.3	6.9	362.7
13 „ 26	65.1	37.6	64.9	29.7	22.5	7.5	11.5	12.1	250.9
26 „ 39	57.1	48.0	95.5	56.0	29.7	12.6	16.0	6.2	321.0
39 „ 49	47.4	72.7	120.6	98.7	67.2	24.6	19.5	13.1	463.8
49 „ 52	34.9	57.1	102.9	66.4	48.1	18.0	4.9	5.3	337.7
52 and over	530.2	827.9	1,455.4	1,177.4	920.0	369.8	162.7	72.2	5,515.6
Total	957.4	1,119.1	1,934.2	1,472.5	1,117.1	439.2	225.9	118.3	7,383.7

**TABLE 9. PERSONS IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE WHOLE OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

Duration of employment (weeks)(a)	Males	Married females	All females	Persons
Nil (looked for work for the whole period)	62.3	31.3	65.4	127.7
1 and under 13	33.8	12.3	34.2	68.0
13 .. 26	37.5	10.8	31.1	68.7
26 .. 39	71.7	12.6	42.8	114.5
39 .. 49	111.9	17.6	51.7	163.6
49 .. 52	51.9	8.0	28.4	80.3
52 and over	3,325.2	990.0	1,567.6	4,892.8
Total	3,694.3	1,082.6	1,821.3	5,515.6

(a) As the figures in this table relate to persons who were in the labour force during the whole of the period, persons employed for less than the whole period were looking for work for the remainder.

**TABLE 10. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PERIOD, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL**
(' 000)

Birthplace and period of arrival	Duration of employment (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52 and over	
MALES								
Born in Australia	46.2	106.6	87.5	135.3	221.7	150.7	2,467.1	3,214.9
Born outside Australia	11.0	27.9	29.6	54.0	92.2	54.5	858.1	1,127.2
Main English-speaking countries	4.9	12.6	13.3	25.5	46.1	28.8	376.4	507.6
Other countries	6.0	15.3	16.3	28.4	46.1	25.7	481.7	619.6
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	*	6.6	9.2	16.4	30.3	14.2	368.3	446.8
1961-1970	5.2	11.2	9.9	23.3	31.9	20.7	307.2	409.3
1971-1979	*	7.1	7.0	9.9	23.9	16.4	171.2	238.0
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	*	*	*	6.1	*	11.5	33.1
Total	57.1	134.5	117.0	189.2	313.8	205.2	3,325.2	4,342.2
MARRIED FEMALES								
Born in Australia	39.7	82.6	90.8	114.4	137.6	71.3	698.3	1,234.7
Born outside Australia	7.1	28.3	35.6	40.6	45.0	25.6	291.7	473.9
Main English-speaking countries	5.0	13.9	14.8	18.1	22.8	14.1	123.2	211.8
Other countries	*	14.4	20.8	22.5	22.2	11.5	168.5	262.1
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	*	9.7	11.1	11.7	17.5	7.9	106.8	167.4
1961-1970	*	11.1	13.5	15.9	15.9	9.2	113.7	182.1
1971-1979	*	5.1	7.6	11.3	9.4	8.0	69.7	112.2
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	12.1
Total	46.8	110.9	126.4	155.0	182.6	96.9	990.0	1,708.6
ALL FEMALES								
Born in Australia	81.3	155.6	147.2	184.7	215.7	120.9	1,182.0	2,087.6
Born outside Australia	15.1	41.8	49.4	57.9	64.2	36.1	385.6	650.1
Main English-speaking countries	9.5	21.2	22.8	30.2	38.0	20.7	176.5	318.8
Other countries	5.6	20.6	26.6	27.8	26.2	15.4	209.1	331.2
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	*	12.8	13.6	13.5	20.6	10.0	132.5	206.1
1961-1970	8.2	17.4	19.8	23.6	21.2	13.1	154.8	258.2
1971-1979	*	7.7	11.4	16.5	17.4	11.3	95.2	162.3
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	*	4.7	*	4.9	*	*	23.6
Total	96.4	197.5	196.6	242.7	279.9	157.0	1,567.6	2,737.6
PERSONS								
Born in Australia	127.5	262.2	234.7	320.0	437.4	271.6	3,649.1	5,302.5
Born outside Australia	26.1	69.7	79.0	111.9	156.4	90.6	1,243.7	1,777.3
Main English-speaking countries	14.5	33.8	36.1	55.7	84.1	49.5	552.9	826.5
Other countries	11.6	36.0	42.9	56.2	72.3	41.1	690.9	950.9
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	5.2	19.3	22.7	29.9	50.8	24.2	500.7	652.9
1961-1970	13.5	28.6	29.7	46.9	53.1	33.8	461.9	667.5
1971-79	5.1	14.8	18.4	26.4	41.4	27.7	266.4	400.3
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	7.0	8.1	8.7	11.0	4.9	14.7	56.7
Total	153.6	332.0	313.7	431.9	593.7	362.2	4,892.8	7,079.8

TABLE 11. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME : DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED PART TIME DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
NO PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	5.4	34.3	39.6	12.5	29.6	42.1	81.8
4 " 13	18.5	76.1	94.6	42.8	39.2	82.0	176.6
13 " 26	34.6	47.9	82.5	48.4	40.0	88.4	170.9
26 " 39	77.9	74.6	152.4	64.5	48.3	112.8	265.2
39 " 49	156.8	104.8	261.6	67.8	61.9	129.7	391.3
49 " 52	125.3	55.3	180.6	37.9	38.6	76.5	257.1
52 and over	2,340.0	854.3	3,194.3	633.2	495.6	1,128.8	4,323.1
Total	2,758.4	1,247.2	4,005.6	907.1	753.3	1,660.4	5,666.0
SOME PART-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	7.8	9.5	5.1	6.2	11.3	20.8
13 " 26	*	7.1	9.7	7.1	8.0	15.0	24.7
26 " 39	7.5	9.2	16.7	11.1	10.5	21.6	38.3
39 " 49	12.1	12.4	24.5	12.4	9.3	21.6	46.2
49 " 52	8.8	*	12.4	*	*	8.3	20.6
52 and over	34.8	15.6	50.4	24.8	17.4	42.1	92.5
Total	67.6	55.7	123.2	64.4	55.6	120.0	243.2
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	5.5	35.7	41.2	12.7	30.4	43.1	84.3
4 " 13	20.1	82.5	102.6	47.7	44.6	92.3	194.9
13 " 26	37.2	55.0	92.2	55.4	48.0	103.4	195.6
26 " 39	85.4	83.7	169.1	75.7	58.8	134.5	303.6
39 " 49	168.9	117.2	286.1	80.2	71.2	151.4	437.5
49 " 52	134.1	58.9	193.0	41.9	42.9	84.8	277.8
52 and over	2,374.8	869.8	3,244.7	657.9	513.0	1,170.9	4,415.6
Total	2,826.0	1,302.9	4,128.9	971.5	808.9	1,780.3	5,909.2

TABLE 12. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 WHO WORKED MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME : DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD, MARITAL STATUS AND WHETHER WORKED FULL TIME DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)

Duration of employment (weeks)	Males			Females			Persons
	Married	Not married	Total	Married	Not married	Total	
NO FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 4	*	12.3	15.6	34.1	18.5	52.6	68.2
4 " 13	5.3	22.4	27.7	59.5	38.1	97.6	125.3
13 " 26	6.6	13.8	20.4	65.7	19.0	84.6	105.0
26 " 39	4.6	10.9	15.5	72.2	22.4	94.5	110.0
39 " 49	11.2	10.3	21.5	94.4	22.1	116.5	138.0
49 " 52	*	7.5	10.1	50.6	14.3	64.8	74.9
52 and over	32.7	33.7	66.4	307.3	57.3	364.6	431.0
Total	66.1	111.0	177.1	683.6	191.7	875.3	1,052.4
SOME FULL-TIME WORK							
1 and under 13	*	*	4.5	*	*	8.2	12.7
13 " 26	*	*	4.5	5.3	*	8.6	13.1
26 " 39	*	*	4.6	7.2	6.5	13.7	18.3
39 " 52	*	5.2	8.4	12.5	6.9	19.4	27.8
52 and over	5.9	8.3	14.2	24.7	7.3	32.1	46.2
Total	11.8	24.4	36.2	53.5	28.5	82.0	118.2
TOTAL							
1 and under 4	*	12.6	15.9	34.1	19.2	53.3	69.2
4 " 13	5.9	26.1	31.9	63.2	41.9	105.1	137.0
13 " 26	7.7	17.1	24.8	71.0	22.2	93.2	118.1
26 " 39	5.5	14.6	20.1	79.4	28.9	108.2	128.3
39 " 49	13.7	14.1	27.7	102.5	26.1	128.5	156.3
49 " 52	*	8.9	12.2	55.0	17.2	72.2	84.4
52 and over	38.6	41.9	80.5	332.0	64.7	396.7	477.2
Total	78.0	135.3	213.3	737.1	220.2	957.3	1,170.6

**TABLE 13. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL**

<i>Birthplace and period of arrival</i>	<i>Number (' 000)</i>				<i>Proportion of the population(a) (per cent)</i>			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
MOSTLY OR WHOLLY FULL TIME								
Born in Australia	3,045.6	660.6	1,329.0	4,374.6	76.9	25.5	31.9	53.8
Born outside Australia	1,083.3	310.9	451.3	1,534.7	77.4	33.5	35.0	57.1
Main English-speaking countries	483.0	126.5	212.0	695.0	76.8	31.0	34.9	56.2
Other countries	600.4	184.4	239.4	839.7	77.9	35.5	35.1	57.8
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	430.4	100.3	127.3	557.7	70.2	25.4	23.5	48.3
1961-1970	392.3	120.1	181.3	573.5	84.2	38.6	42.1	64.0
1971-1979	228.5	82.1	123.4	351.9	82.2	42.0	45.1	63.8
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	32.2	8.5	19.3	51.5	75.1	33.2	43.1	58.7
Total	4,128.9	971.5	1,780.3	5,909.2	77.0	27.6	32.6	54.6
MOSTLY OR WHOLLY PART TIME								
Born in Australia	169.4	574.1	758.6	927.9	4.3	22.2	18.2	11.4
Born outside Australia	43.9	163.0	198.7	242.7	3.1	17.6	15.4	9.0
Main English-speaking countries	24.7	85.3	106.9	131.5	3.9	20.9	17.6	10.6
Other countries	19.3	77.7	91.9	111.2	2.5	14.9	13.5	7.7
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	16.4	67.2	78.7	95.1	2.7	17.0	14.6	8.2
1961-1970	17.1	62.0	76.9	94.0	3.7	19.9	17.9	10.5
1971-1979	9.5	30.1	38.8	48.3	3.4	15.4	14.2	8.8
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	*	*	5.2	*	*	*	5.9
Total	213.3	737.1	957.3	1,170.6	4.0	21.0	17.5	10.8
TOTAL								
Born in Australia	3,214.9	1,234.7	2,087.6	5,302.5	81.1	47.7	50.1	65.2
Born outside Australia	1,127.2	473.9	650.1	1,777.3	80.5	51.1	50.4	66.1
Main English-speaking countries	507.6	211.8	318.8	826.5	80.7	52.0	52.4	66.8
Other countries	619.6	262.1	331.2	950.9	80.4	50.4	48.6	65.5
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	446.8	167.4	206.1	652.9	72.9	42.4	38.1	56.6
1961-1970	409.3	182.1	258.2	667.5	87.8	58.5	60.0	74.5
1971-1979	238.0	112.2	162.3	400.3	85.7	57.4	59.3	72.6
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	33.1	12.1	23.6	56.7	77.3	47.7	52.6	64.7
Total	4,342.2	1,708.6	2,737.6	7,079.8	81.0	48.6	50.2	65.4

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total non-institutional civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group at the time of the survey.

**TABLE 14. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PERIOD AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF THE PERIOD**
(' 000)

Occupation group(a)	Duration of employment (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52 and over	
MALES								
Employed(a)	35.4	85.2	66.1	129.2	256.9	194.2	3,310.2	4,077.3
Professional and technical	*	6.6	5.4	10.2	19.7	18.4	431.1	493.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	5.5	9.7	7.9	326.5	351.1
Clerical	*	6.2	*	6.9	8.1	6.7	284.3	318.4
Sales	*	8.2	9.2	10.0	16.8	12.3	209.6	270.0
Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc.	*	7.4	7.1	12.0	25.4	21.1	283.8	359.6
Transport and communication	*	*	*	10.0	23.7	16.8	249.8	306.1
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	21.1	48.0	31.7	65.1	138.9	102.7	1,341.2	1,748.6
Service, sport and recreation	*	6.0	5.2	9.5	14.6	8.3	183.8	230.4
Looking for work(a)	8.8	19.8	28.2	39.3	32.0	8.3	5.4	141.8
Not in the labour force(a)	12.9	29.5	22.7	20.7	24.9	*	9.6	123.0
Total	57.1	134.5	117.0	189.2	313.8	205.2	3,325.2	4,342.2
FEMALES								
Employed(a)	45.4	101.5	107.9	161.2	221.2	140.3	1,550.7	2,328.2
Professional and technical	7.2	11.0	12.8	28.0	47.0	14.9	285.7	406.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	*	*	*	44.9	54.6
Clerical	11.2	29.7	30.1	47.1	61.9	44.8	571.6	796.5
Sales	9.0	22.7	21.1	26.4	29.2	22.4	171.7	302.6
Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc.	*	5.4	5.7	5.8	8.2	7.0	75.0	110.3
Transport and communication	*	*	*	*	*	*	30.8	44.6
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	5.4	8.4	13.6	16.7	22.5	17.5	151.7	235.9
Service, sport and recreation	8.6	22.0	22.2	31.2	46.2	27.7	219.2	377.1
Looking for work(a)	15.5	21.7	24.8	20.7	17.4	*	*	106.6
Not in the labour force(a)	35.6	74.3	63.9	60.7	41.3	12.2	14.9	302.8
Total	96.4	197.5	196.6	242.7	279.9	157.0	1,567.6	2,737.6
PERSONS								
Employed(a)	80.7	186.7	174.1	290.4	478.1	334.6	4,860.9	6,405.5
Professional and technical	8.9	17.6	18.2	38.2	66.8	33.3	716.8	899.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	*	*	*	7.6	12.4	10.5	371.4	405.7
Clerical	13.8	35.9	33.7	54.0	70.0	51.5	856.0	1,114.8
Sales	12.9	30.9	30.3	36.4	46.0	34.8	381.3	572.6
Farmers, fishers and timbergetters, etc.	5.9	12.8	12.8	17.8	33.6	28.2	358.8	469.9
Transport and communication	*	*	4.6	14.0	27.2	20.1	280.6	350.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	26.5	56.4	45.3	81.9	161.3	120.2	1,492.9	1,984.5
Service, sport and recreation	11.6	28.1	27.4	40.6	60.8	35.9	403.1	607.5
Looking for work(a)	24.4	41.5	52.9	60.0	49.4	12.8	7.4	248.4
Not in the labour force(a)	48.5	103.7	86.7	81.5	66.2	14.8	24.5	425.9
Total	153.6	332.0	313.7	431.9	593.7	362.2	4,892.8	7,079.8

(a) At the end of the period. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

**TABLE 15. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PERIOD AND INDUSTRY AT THE END OF THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

Industry division(a)	Duration of employment (weeks)						Total
	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52 and over	
MALES							
Employed(a)	120.6	66.1	129.2	256.9	194.2	3,310.2	4,077.3
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	8.9	5.8	12.5	20.7	17.6	252.1	317.7
Mining	*		4.8	7.6	9.7	56.2	79.4
Manufacturing	33.7	12.2	25.6	57.6	46.4	765.1	940.5
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*		7.4	110.5	122.2
Construction	14.4	9.3	22.5	54.6	31.5	305.1	437.3
Wholesale and retail trade	29.8	18.2	27.0	40.9	33.3	580.2	729.4
Transport and storage	*	*	7.7	17.4	15.0	255.7	301.1
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	88.8	94.6
Finance, property and business services	9.5	*	5.9	16.3	11.6	257.4	303.5
Public administration and defence	*	*	4.7	7.8	5.5	177.8	199.0
Community services	7.4	5.5	8.9	17.9	9.7	334.6	384.0
Recreation, personal and other services	7.8	5.6	8.4	12.1	8.2	126.5	168.5
Looking for work(a)	28.6	28.2	39.3	32.0	8.3	5.4	141.8
Not in the labour force(a)	42.4	22.7	20.7	24.9	*	9.6	123.0
Total	191.6	117.0	189.2	313.8	205.2	3,325.2	4,342.2
FEMALES							
Employed(a)(b)	146.8	107.9	161.2	221.1	140.3	1,550.7	2,328.2
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	10.0	5.7	6.4	7.8	7.2	76.8	113.5
Manufacturing	13.0	15.7	22.0	24.3	23.6	207.9	306.4
Electricity, gas and water	*	*	*	*	*	10.1	11.8
Construction	*	*	*	6.2	*	37.9	55.3
Wholesale and retail trade	47.4	33.1	43.5	52.0	37.5	339.0	552.5
Transport and storage	*	*	*	4.9	*	44.6	58.0
Communication	*	*	*	*	*	23.1	31.5
Finance, property and business services	13.8	8.8	14.7	21.1	11.5	181.0	250.9
Public administration and defence	5.3	*	7.2	5.0	4.6	66.5	91.0
Community services	29.9	20.7	40.7	68.8	25.0	440.2	625.5
Recreation, personal and other services	20.5	16.0	19.4	27.6	21.9	119.8	225.1
Looking for work(a)	37.3	24.8	20.7	17.4	4.5	*	106.6
Not in the labour force(a)	109.8	63.9	60.7	41.3	12.2	14.9	302.8
Total	293.9	196.6	242.7	279.9	157.0	1,567.6	2,737.6
PERSONS							
Employed(a)	267.4	174.1	290.5	478.1	334.6	4,860.9	6,405.5
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting	18.5	11.5	18.9	28.5	24.9	328.8	431.2
Mining	*		5.6	8.2	10.5	60.0	86.2
Manufacturing	46.8	27.9	47.5	81.8	70.0	973.0	1,247.0
Electricity, gas and water	*	*		5.2	4.5	120.6	134.0
Construction	16.9	10.8	25.6	60.8	35.4	343.0	492.6
Wholesale and retail trade	77.1	51.3	70.5	92.9	70.8	919.2	1,282.0
Transport and storage	4.9	*	10.0	22.3	17.9	300.4	359.1
Communication		5.6		6.0	*	111.9	126.0
Finance, property and business services	23.3	11.5	20.6	37.4	23.1	438.4	554.4
Public administration and defence	6.7	*	11.8	12.8	10.1	244.3	290.0
Community services	37.3	26.2	49.6	86.7	34.7	774.9	1,009.4
Recreation, personal and other services	28.2	21.6	27.8	39.7	30.2	246.3	393.7
Looking for work(a)	65.9	52.9	60.0	49.4	12.8	7.4	248.4
Not in the labour force(a)	152.2	86.7	81.5	66.2	14.8	24.5	425.9
Total	485.5	313.7	431.9	593.7	362.2	4,892.8	7,079.8

(a) At the end of the period. (b) Includes mining.

**TABLE 16. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

<i>Number of jobs held during the period</i>	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
MALES									
One	1,263.9	967.1	532.7	327.6	313.6	104.5	27.3	49.0	3,585.7
Two	192.5	131.7	92.3	43.4	57.4	13.8	7.9	11.2	550.2
Three	42.4	27.4	25.5	8.5	12.2	2.9	*	2.5	122.4
Four	9.1	11.6	9.8	2.8	5.7	*	*	*	41.7
Five or more	11.3	9.5	9.9	2.4	5.7	*	*	*	42.2
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,519.2</i>	<i>1,147.3</i>	<i>670.1</i>	<i>384.8</i>	<i>394.6</i>	<i>123.3</i>	<i>38.4</i>	<i>64.5</i>	<i>4,342.2</i>
FEMALES									
One	807.4	648.9	335.4	214.5	199.0	65.7	19.4	38.1	2,328.3
Two	105.0	84.0	52.7	25.8	29.2	6.5	3.1	7.6	313.9
Three	16.3	15.3	10.0	4.9	7.3	*	*	*	56.8
Four or more	12.1	10.4	5.4	3.2	4.7	*	*	*	38.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>940.9</i>	<i>758.5</i>	<i>403.6</i>	<i>248.3</i>	<i>240.2</i>	<i>74.2</i>	<i>24.1</i>	<i>47.9</i>	<i>2,737.6</i>
PERSONS									
One	2,071.3	1,616.0	868.1	542.1	512.5	170.2	46.7	87.0	5,914.0
Two	297.5	215.7	145.0	69.2	86.6	20.3	11.1	18.8	864.1
Three	58.7	42.7	35.5	13.4	19.5	4.3	} 3.0 {	3.7	179.2
Four	16.3	17.1	13.4	4.5	8.9	1.6		*	64.8
Five	8.5	5.8	5.9	*	3.0	*		*	27.0
Six or more	7.8	8.5	5.7	*	4.2	*	*	*	30.7
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,460.1</i>	<i>1,905.9</i>	<i>1,073.8</i>	<i>633.1</i>	<i>634.7</i>	<i>197.5</i>	<i>62.5</i>	<i>112.4</i>	<i>7,079.8</i>

**TABLE 17. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE PERIOD AND AGE**

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TABLE 18. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 : NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE PERIOD, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA ('000)

Birthplace and period of arrival in Australia	Number of jobs held during the period				Total
	1	2	3	4 or more	
MALES					
Born in Australia	2,659.7	402.5	92.0	60.8	3,214.9
Born outside Australia	926.0	147.7	30.5	23.1	1,127.2
Main English-speaking countries	395.0	77.6	19.5	15.5	507.6
Other countries	531.0	70.1	10.9	7.7	619.6
Arrived in Australia—					
Before 1961	394.1	40.4	5.7	6.6	446.8
1961-1970	337.7	52.5	11.2	7.9	409.3
1971-1979	181.1	39.7	10.5	6.8	238.0
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	13.1	15.1	*	*	33.1
Total	3,585.7	550.2	122.4	83.9	4,342.2
FEMALES					
Born in Australia	1,781.4	235.2	42.3	28.6	2,087.6
Born outside Australia	546.9	78.6	14.5	10.1	650.1
Main English-speaking countries	256.5	44.2	10.3	7.8	318.8
Other countries	290.4	34.5	*	*	331.3
Arrived in Australia—					
Before 1961	183.9	17.4	*	*	206.1
1961-1970	222.5	27.5	4.9	*	258.2
1971-1979	128.4	25.3	4.9	*	162.3
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	12.1	8.4	*	*	23.6
Total	2,328.3	313.9	56.8	38.7	2,737.6
PERSONS					
Born in Australia	4,441.1	637.7	134.3	89.4	5,302.5
Born outside Australia	1,472.9	226.3	44.9	33.2	1,777.3
Main English-speaking countries	651.5	121.8	29.9	23.3	826.5
Other countries	821.3	104.6	15.1	9.9	950.9
Arrived in Australia—					
Before 1961	578.1	57.9	8.6	8.4	652.9
1961-1970	560.1	80.1	16.1	11.2	667.5
1971-1979	309.4	65.0	15.4	10.4	400.3
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	25.2	23.5	4.9	*	56.7
Total	5,914.0	864.1	179.2	122.6	7,079.8

**TABLE 19. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE PERIOD AND OCCUPATION AT THE END OF THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

Occupation group	Number of jobs held during the period				Total
	1	2	3	4 or more	
MALES					
Employed(a)	3,392.6	507.4	105.0	72.3	4,077.3
Professional and technical	412.0	65.5	10.7	5.0	493.2
Administrative, executive and managerial	306.9	35.9	6.1	*	351.1
Clerical	272.8	35.1	6.1	*	318.4
Sales	208.9	48.2	9.2	*	270.0
Farmers, fishers, timber-getters, etc.	312.3	29.0	9.2	9.1	359.6
Transport and communication	252.7	39.9	8.5	5.0	306.1
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	1,443.3	218.3	48.2	38.8	1,748.6
Service, sport and recreation	183.7	35.6	7.0	*	230.4
Looking for work(a)	86.9	31.5	14.7	8.7	141.8
Not in the labour force(a)	106.2	11.3	*	*	123.0
Total	3,585.7	550.2	122.4	83.9	4,342.2
FEMALES					
Employed(a)	1,976.7	274.9	46.2	30.4	2,328.2
Professional and technical	336.9	57.0	7.5	5.3	406.7
Administrative, executive and managerial	48.0	6.0	*	*	54.6
Clerical	669.4	98.5	18.5	10.1	796.5
Sales	257.5	36.8	4.9	*	302.6
Farmers, fishers, timber-getters, etc.	101.9	5.4	*	*	110.3
Transport and communication	38.8	4.8	*	*	44.6
Tradeswomen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	205.4	23.4	*	*	235.9
Service, sport and recreation	318.8	43.2	8.5	6.7	377.1
Looking for work(a)	73.9	21.2	8.0	*	106.6
Not in the labour force(a)	277.7	17.8	*	4.7	302.8
Total	2,328.3	313.9	56.8	38.7	2,737.6
PERSONS					
Employed(a)	5,369.4	782.3	151.2	102.7	6,405.5
Professional and technical	748.8	122.5	18.2	10.2	899.8
Administrative, executive and managerial	354.9	41.8	6.5	*	405.7
Clerical	942.2	133.6	24.6	14.4	1,114.8
Sales	466.4	85.0	14.1	7.1	572.6
Farmers, fishers, timber-getters, etc.	414.3	34.4	10.7	10.5	469.9
Transport and communication	291.6	44.7	9.1	5.4	350.7
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.(b)	1,648.7	241.7	52.4	41.7	1,984.5
Service, sport and recreation	502.5	78.7	15.5	10.8	607.5
Looking for work(a)	160.7	52.7	22.7	12.3	248.4
Not in the labour force(a)	383.9	29.1	5.3	7.6	425.9
Total	5,914.0	864.1	179.2	122.6	7,079.8

(a) At the end of the period. (b) Includes miners and quarry workers.

**TABLE 20. PERSONS EMPLOYED AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
NUMBER OF JOBS HELD AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

Number of jobs held during the period	Duration of employment (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52 and over	
MALES								
One	53.6	112.7	76.5	109.7	174.4	131.8	2,926.9	3,585.7
Two	*	15.3	23.9	42.9	85.2	51.4	328.9	550.2
Three	*	*	8.9	20.1	29.0	13.9	45.7	122.4
Four	*	*	*	7.6	11.4	5.4	13.1	41.7
Five or more	*	*	5.5	8.9	13.8	*	10.5	42.2
Total	57.1	134.5	117.0	189.2	313.8	205.2	3,325.2	4,342.2
FEMALES								
One	91.9	168.9	156.0	180.2	203.9	116.8	1,410.5	2,328.3
Two	*	19.0	27.8	43.0	53.7	30.7	135.6	313.9
Three	*	6.1	6.8	10.4	12.8	7.3	13.1	56.8
Four or more	*	*	6.0	9.1	9.5	*	8.4	38.7
Total	96.4	197.5	196.6	242.7	279.9	157.0	1,567.6	2,737.6
PERSONS								
One	145.5	281.6	232.6	289.9	378.3	248.7	4,337.4	5,914.0
Two	6.8	34.3	51.6	85.9	138.9	82.1	464.5	864.1
Three	*	10.3	15.7	30.5	41.8	21.2	58.8	179.2
Four	*	*	5.4	13.2	17.9	7.0	17.6	64.8
Five	*	4.8		5.0	7.3	*	9.0	27.0
Six or more	*	6.0		7.5	9.6	*	5.5	30.7
Total	153.6	332.0	313.7	431.9	593.7	362.2	4,892.8	7,079.8

**TABLE 21. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD AND MARITAL STATUS
(' 000)**

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	Married			Not married		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 2	9.1	27.9	37.0	22.8	27.7	50.5
2 .. 4	30.2	35.6	65.8	45.4	35.3	80.7
4 .. 8	43.5	39.2	82.7	69.4	61.8	131.2
8 .. 13	34.6	32.5	67.2	72.7	57.9	130.6
13 .. 26	43.5	38.8	82.3	59.5	53.8	113.2
26 .. 39	19.8	21.9	41.7	37.6	34.9	72.6
39 .. 52	11.9	18.1	30.0	28.5	28.1	56.7
52 and over	27.7	33.6	61.3	41.3	37.6	78.9
Total	220.3	247.6	467.9	377.1	337.2	714.3

NOTE. For totals for males, females and persons, see Table 22.

**TABLE 22. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD AND AGE**

	Age group (years)						
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
MALES							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—				— '000—			
1 and under 2	15.6	5.2	7.2	*	*	*	31.9
2 " 4	23.2	18.4	20.1	7.6	5.6	*	75.6
4 " 8	39.4	21.3	30.2	12.6	6.2	*	112.9
8 " 13	36.5	25.7	26.1	9.8	6.0	*	107.3
13 " 26	26.7	24.7	26.3	11.5	8.7	5.1	103.0
26 " 39	18.5	13.0	12.4	5.0	4.9	*	57.4
39 " 52	12.6	11.2	5.5	*	6.8		40.4
52 and over	12.6	15.0	12.4	6.6	11.4	11.0	69.0
Total	185.1	134.3	140.3	59.4	47.5	30.8	597.4
— per cent —							
Proportion of the labour force(a)	36.7	22.0	12.1	6.6	6.6	5.4	13.4
FEMALES							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—				— '000—			
1 and under 2	18.1	9.0	17.1	8.0	*	*	55.6
2 " 4	20.9	15.9	21.2	8.8	*	*	70.9
4 " 8	37.8	26.3	19.3	13.0	*	*	101.1
8 " 13	37.4	21.5	18.4	7.2	5.2	*	90.5
13 " 26	33.6	21.8	23.0	8.8	5.4		92.5
26 " 39	23.0	12.0	12.4	5.4	*	*	56.8
39 " 52	15.9	8.2	11.3	6.8	*	*	46.2
52 and over	19.3	14.5	16.7	11.5	7.5	*	71.2
Total	206.1	129.3	139.5	69.4	32.3	8.2	584.8
— per cent —							
Proportion of the labour force(a)	45.4	25.4	17.9	12.0	8.1	3.9	20.0
PERSONS							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—				— '000—			
1 and under 2	33.7	14.2	24.4	10.0	5.2		87.5
2 " 4	44.1	34.3	41.3	16.3	9.0	*	146.5
4 " 8	77.2	47.6	49.5	25.5	10.1	*	213.9
8 " 13	73.8	47.2	44.6	17.1	11.2	*	197.8
13 " 26	60.3	46.4	49.3	20.3	13.0	6.3	195.5
26 " 39	41.5	25.0	24.8	10.4	7.6	4.8	114.2
39 " 52	28.5	19.4	16.9	11.1	5.9	4.9	86.6
52 and over	32.0	29.5	29.2	18.1	18.9	12.6	140.2
Total	391.2	263.6	279.8	128.8	79.8	39.0	1,182.2
— per cent —							
Proportion of the labour force(a)	40.9	23.6	14.5	8.7	7.1	5.0	16.0

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the labour force at some time in the period in the same group.

TABLE 23. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 : TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
NUMBER OF PERSONS ('000)									
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—									
1 and under 2	29.1	24.2	14.9	7.0	7.5	2.4	*	*	87.5
2 " 3	28.0	22.3	15.0	4.1	7.7	1.5	*	2.4	81.4
3 " 4	27.5	15.6	9.5	3.5	6.2	*	*	*	65.1
4 " 5	32.8	28.0	14.5	6.2	10.8	1.6	} 2.4	} 3.5	96.4
5 " 6	11.6	10.5	4.6	*	2.5	*			32.8
6 " 8	28.8	22.1	12.6	7.0	9.7	1.9			84.8
8 " 13	55.8	53.9	34.1	17.3	23.1	5.8	3.3	4.4	197.8
13 " 26	53.3	55.0	35.7	20.1	21.1	4.5	*	5.4	195.5
26 " 52	61.3	53.7	33.4	24.0	17.8	6.3	*	3.3	200.8
52 and over	52.3	28.7	20.1	19.5	11.5	5.5	*	2.8	140.2
Total	380.7	314.0	194.4	110.6	117.9	31.4	8.6	24.6	1,182.2
PROPORTION OF THE LABOUR FORCE (per cent)(a)									
Males	12.6	12.7	14.7	14.0	15.1	12.9	10.2	20.2	13.4
Females	18.5	20.3	21.7	20.2	22.2	18.6	19.0	21.2	20.0
Persons	14.9	15.8	17.4	16.5	17.8	15.1	13.7	20.6	16.0

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of persons in the labour force at some time during the period in the same group.

TABLE 24. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 : TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA

Birthplace and period of arrival	Time spent looking for work (weeks)						Total	Proportion of the labour force(a) (per cent)
	1 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26 — '000—	26 and under 52	52 and over		
MALES								
Born in Australia	77.8	80.9	81.4	72.7	72.8	46.8	432.3	13.1
Born outside Australia	29.7	32.0	25.9	30.3	25.0	22.2	165.1	14.2
Main English-speaking countries	16.8	17.2	13.3	14.1	11.5	6.8	79.7	15.3
Other countries	13.0	14.8	12.6	16.1	13.5	15.4	85.3	13.3
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	*	5.5	5.2	7.3	6.1	8.1	35.5	7.8
1961-1970	9.7	12.4	11.7	13.4	10.9	7.2	65.3	15.5
1971-1979	11.7	8.7	6.7	8.1	6.7	5.7	47.5	19.2
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	5.1	5.4	*	*	*	*	16.7	46.8
Total	107.5	112.9	107.3	103.0	97.8	69.0	597.4	13.4
FEMALES								
Born in Australia	92.8	77.4	68.0	70.3	76.7	52.7	437.8	19.7
Born outside Australia	33.7	23.7	22.5	22.2	26.4	18.6	147.0	21.0
Main English-speaking countries	21.4	14.5	12.9	11.4	10.8	8.2	79.3	23.3
Other countries	12.3	9.1	9.6	10.8	15.5	10.4	67.7	18.9
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	5.3	7.4	*	*	5.6	4.5	26.1	12.1
1961-1970	13.7	8.6	9.9	9.8	13.0	7.6	62.6	22.4
1971-1979	8.7	7.1	6.9	7.1	5.7	5.9	41.3	23.4
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	6.1	6.3	*	*	4.6	*	17.0	63.6
Total	126.5	101.1	90.5	92.5	103.0	71.2	584.8	20.0
PERSONS								
Born in Australia	170.5	158.2	149.4	143.1	149.5	99.4	870.1	15.7
Born outside Australia	63.5	55.7	48.4	52.5	51.3	40.8	312.1	16.8
Main English-speaking countries	38.2	31.8	26.2	25.5	22.3	15.0	159.0	18.5
Other countries	25.3	23.9	22.2	26.9	29.0	25.8	153.1	15.3
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	8.5	9.6	8.5	10.6	11.7	12.6	61.6	9.2
1961-1970	23.4	21.0	21.6	23.3	23.9	14.8	127.9	18.3
1971-1979	20.3	15.8	13.6	15.2	12.4	11.6	88.9	20.9
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	11.2	9.3	4.7	6.8	*	*	33.8	54.0
Total	234.0	213.9	197.8	195.5	200.8	140.2	1,182.2	16.0

(a) Persons to each group as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during the period in the same group.

**TABLE 25. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981 :
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE PERIOD
(' 000)**

	Duration of employment (weeks)						
Time spent looking for work (weeks)	0	1 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	Total(a)
MALES							
1 and under 2	5.8	9.7	5.1	8.0	5.4	5.8	31.9
2 " 3	6.8 {	5.3			6.7	15.4	42.1
3 " 4		*	8.3	15.6	33.5		
4 " 8	11.9	15.9	5.5	10.1	50.1	19.3	112.9
8 " 13	18.5	9.9	5.4	13.6	59.9	..	107.3
13 " 26	5.7	5.2	8.5	65.3	18.2	..	103.0
26 " 52	6.1	33.0	40.8	17.9	..	..	97.8
52 and over	62.2	6.7	..	..	..	..	69.0
Total	117.2	90.0	65.3	114.8	148.7	56.0	597.4
FEMALES							
1 and under 2	20.3	11.8	6.2	7.4	6.6	*	55.6
2 " 3	10.3	7.1	7.2	6.6 {	6.7	6.5	39.3
3 " 4	6.5	4.6			*	9.5	31.6
4 " 8	23.9	21.8	7.7	10.1	25.9	11.6	101.1
8 " 13	28.8	13.2	8.2	10.8	29.5	..	90.5
13 " 26	14.9	8.8	10.9	45.8	12.2	..	92.5
26 " 52	16.6	40.9	35.4	10.1	..	..	103.0
52 and over	65.4	5.8	..	..	..	..	71.2
Total	186.7	113.9	75.6	90.7	84.9	30.9	584.8
PERSONS							
1 and under 2	26.1	21.5	9.1	9.7	12.0	9.1	87.5
2 " 3	14.6	12.4	5.3	6.5	13.4	21.9	81.4
3 " 4	8.9	8.8	*	5.7	12.4	25.1	65.1
4 " 5	15.7	14.8	7.0	12.4	19.2	27.2	96.4
5 " 6	6.7	5.4	6.1 {	*	11.7	*	32.8
6 " 8	13.4	17.6		4.8	45.1	..	84.8
8 " 13	47.3	23.1	13.6	24.3	89.4	..	197.8
13 " 26	20.7	14.0	19.4	111.1	30.4	..	195.5
26 " 52	22.8	73.9	76.2	28.0	..	..	200.8
52 and over	127.7	12.5	..	..	..	..	140.2
Total	303.9	203.9	140.9	205.6	233.6	86.9	1,182.2

(a) Includes a small number of persons who, although employed for 52 weeks, were looking for work at the end of the period, see Explanatory notes, paragraph 15.

**TABLE 26. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD, STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND OTHER AREAS**

Time spent looking for work (weeks)	State capital cities			Other areas		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
NUMBER (' 000)						
1 and under 2	20.6	42.1	62.7	11.3	13.5	24.8
2 " 3	27.0	25.1	52.1	15.1	14.2	29.2
3 " 4	24.8	21.6	46.4	8.7	10.0	18.7
4 " 5	37.0	37.5	74.5	13.1	8.7	21.9
5 " 6	9.1	10.6	19.7	5.9	7.3	13.1
6 " 8	32.2	26.1	58.3	15.6	10.8	26.5
8 " 13	63.3	64.3	127.6	44.0	26.2	70.1
13 " 26	65.8	58.8	124.6	37.2	33.7	70.9
26 " 52	56.5	64.7	121.3	41.3	38.3	79.5
52 and over	45.3	44.9	90.2	23.7	26.3	50.0
Total	381.7	395.8	777.5	215.7	189.1	404.8
PROPORTION OF TOTAL (Per cent)						
1 and under 2	5.4	10.6	8.1	5.2	7.1	6.1
2 " 3	7.1	6.4	6.7	7.0	7.5	7.2
3 " 4	6.5	5.5	6.0	4.1	5.3	4.6
4 " 5	9.7	9.5	9.6	6.1	4.6	5.4
5 " 6	2.4	2.7	2.5	2.7	3.9	3.2
6 " 8	8.4	6.6	7.5	7.2	5.7	6.5
8 " 13	16.6	16.3	16.4	20.4	13.8	17.3
13 " 26	17.2	14.9	16.0	17.2	17.8	17.5
26 " 52	14.8	16.4	15.6	19.1	20.3	19.7
52 and over	11.9	11.3	11.6	11.0	13.9	12.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

**TABLE 27. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK
(' 000)**

Number of spells of looking for work	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
MALES									
One	163.2	119.9	73.8	47.6	48.6	13.9	3.2	10.9	481.1
Two	22.2	18.9	18.0	4.8	7.2	1.7	*	2.3	75.5
Three	5.7	*	4.9	*	*	*	*	*	19.6
Four or more	5.0	6.0	3.9	*	3.5	*	*	*	21.1
Total	196.1	149.1	100.6	56.5	61.0	16.5	3.9	13.6	597.4
FEMALES									
One	155.4	139.2	82.2	45.5	46.8	13.2	4.1	9.7	496.1
Two	22.5	16.0	8.6	5.8	6.0	1.5	*	*	61.3
Three or more	6.7	9.7	*	2.9	4.0	*	*	*	27.5
Total	184.6	164.9	93.8	54.2	56.8	14.9	4.7	11.0	584.8
PERSONS									
One	318.6	259.1	156.0	93.1	95.4	27.1	7.3	20.5	977.2
Two	44.7	34.9	26.6	10.6	13.2	3.1	*	3.1	136.8
Three	8.4	9.0	7.1	3.6	2.9	*	*	*	32.7
Four or more	9.0	11.0	4.7	3.4	6.3	*	*	*	35.5
Total	380.7	314.0	194.4	110.6	117.9	31.4	8.6	24.6	1,182.2

**TABLE 28. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA**

<i>Birthplace and period of arrival</i>	<i>Number (' 000)</i>				<i>Proportion of the labour force(a) (per cent)</i>			
	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married females</i>	<i>All Females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
Born in Australia	344.7	144.3	370.5	715.2	10.4	11.1	16.6	12.9
Born outside Australia	136.4	70.3	125.6	262.0	11.8	13.9	18.0	14.1
Main English-speaking countries	63.8	30.9	66.2	130.0	12.3	13.8	19.5	15.1
Other countries	72.6	39.3	59.4	132.0	11.4	14.0	16.5	13.2
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	27.8	14.8	21.0	48.8	6.1	8.5	9.8	7.3
1961-1970	52.3	29.4	54.7	107.1	12.4	15.1	19.6	15.3
1971-1979	40.8	20.2	35.8	76.6	16.4	16.4	20.3	18.0
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	15.6	5.8	14.0	29.6	43.6	42.9	52.2	47.3
Total	481.1	214.6	496.1	977.2	10.8	11.9	17.0	13.2
TWO OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK								
Born in Australia	87.6	22.3	67.3	154.9	2.7	1.7	3.0	2.8
Born outside Australia	28.6	10.8	21.5	50.1	2.5	2.1	3.1	2.7
Main English-speaking countries	16.0	5.3	13.1	29.0	3.1	2.3	3.8	3.4
Other countries	12.7	5.5	8.4	21.1	2.0	2.0	2.3	2.1
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	7.7	*	5.1	12.8	1.7	*	2.3	1.9
1961-1970	13.0	*	7.8	20.8	3.1	*	2.8	3.0
1971-1979	6.8	*	5.5	12.3	2.7	*	3.1	2.9
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Total	116.3	33.1	88.8	205.0	2.6	1.8	3.0	2.8
TOTAL								
Born in Australia	432.3	166.6	437.8	870.1	13.1	12.8	19.7	15.7
Born outside Australia	165.1	81.0	147.0	312.1	14.2	16.0	21.0	16.8
Main English-speaking countries	79.7	36.2	79.3	159.0	15.3	16.1	23.3	18.5
Other countries	85.3	44.8	67.7	153.1	13.3	15.9	18.9	15.3
Arrived in Australia—								
Before 1961	35.5	18.3	26.1	61.6	7.8	10.6	12.1	9.2
1961-1970	65.3	32.6	62.6	127.9	15.5	16.7	22.4	18.3
1971-1979	47.5	23.0	41.3	88.9	19.2	18.7	23.4	20.9
Jan. 1980 to Feb. 1981	16.7	7.1	17.0	33.8	46.8	52.2	63.6	54.0
Total	597.4	247.6	584.8	1,182.2	13.4	13.7	20.0	16.0

(a) Persons in each group as a proportion of the total number of persons in the labour force at some time during the period in the same group.

**TABLE 29. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS
(' 000)**

Number of spells of looking for work	Age group (years)						Married	Not married	Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over			
MALES									
One	154.0	100.7	111.5	48.1	39.5	27.4	182.1	299.0	481.1
Two	21.4	21.0	19.8	6.4	5.1	*	23.4	52.1	75.5
Three	*	8.6	4.7		*	*	5.5	14.0	19.6
Four or more	5.3	*	5.4	5.4		*	9.2	11.9	21.1
Total	185.1	134.3	140.3	59.4	47.5	30.8	220.3	377.1	597.4
FEMALES									
One	175.2	105.1	121.1	59.5	28.1	7.0	214.6	281.5	496.1
Two	24.4	14.4	12.9	5.6	*	*	21.4	39.8	61.3
Three or more	6.5	9.8	5.5	5.7		*	11.7	15.8	27.5
Total	206.1	129.3	139.5	69.4	32.3	8.2	247.6	337.2	584.8
PERSONS									
One	329.2	205.8	232.5	107.6	67.6	34.4	396.7	580.5	977.2
Two	45.8	35.4	32.7	12.0	8.0	*	44.8	92.0	136.8
Three	8.0	14.4	5.7	*	*	*	10.2	22.5	32.7
Four or more	8.1	8.0	8.9	7.0	*	*	16.3	19.2	35.5
Total	391.2	263.6	279.8	128.8	79.8	39.0	467.9	714.3	1,182.2

**TABLE 30. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK AND TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK IN THE PERIOD(a)
(' 000)**

	Time spent looking for work (weeks)								
Number of spells of looking for work	1 and under 2	2 and under 3	3 and under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 52	52 and over	Total
MALES									
One	31.9	38.7	32.2	97.8	83.4	71.5	56.7	69.0	481.1
Two	..	*	*	10.7	14.4	20.1	26.4	..	75.5
Three	..	..	*	*	5.1	4.9	6.7	..	19.6
Four or more	..	..	..	*	*	6.4	8.0	..	21.1
Total	31.9	42.1	33.5	112.9	107.3	103.0	97.8	69.0	597.4
FEMALES									
One	55.6	35.7	30.1	87.0	78.0	70.8	67.6	71.2	496.1
Two	..	*	*	10.2	8.2	13.7	24.2	..	61.3
Three	..	..	*	*	6.1		5.4	..	13.1
Four or more	..	..	..	*	6.2		5.8	..	14.4
Total	55.6	39.3	31.6	101.1	90.5	92.5	103.0	71.2	584.8
PERSONS									
One	87.5	74.4	62.3	184.8	161.4	142.4	124.3	140.2	977.2
Two	..	7.0	*	20.9	22.6	33.9	50.6	..	136.8
Three	..	..	*	*	7.2	8.9	12.1	..	32.7
Four or more	..	..	..	*	6.6	10.4	13.8	..	35.5
Total	87.5	81.4	65.1	213.9	197.8	195.5	200.8	140.2	1,182.2

(a) See paragraphs 6, 10 and 15 of the Explanatory notes concerning the special definitions applicable to this survey.

**TABLE 31. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
AGE, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK**

	Age group (years)						
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	Total
ONE SPELL OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—	—' 000—						
1 and under 2	33.7	14.2	24.4	10.0	*	*	87.5
2 " 4	41.0	31.8	38.5	15.5	8.4	*	136.7
4 " 8	69.7	39.0	42.1	21.4	8.8	*	184.8
8 " 13	65.1	35.6	35.2	13.5	8.7	*	161.4
13 " 26	46.3	30.6	35.9	14.1	10.1	5.4	142.4
26 " 52	41.4	25.2	27.4	14.9	8.6	6.8	124.3
52 and over	32.0	29.5	29.2	18.1	18.9	12.6	140.2
Total	329.2	205.8	232.5	107.6	67.6	34.4	977.2
—weeks—							
Average (mean) duration	15.5	17.6	16.3	18.8	24.2	30.4	17.6
Median duration	9.6	10.5	9.6	10.5	17.8	33.6	10.5
TWO SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—	—' 000—						
2 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	8.9
4 " 13	13.1	11.1	11.7	4.5	*	*	43.5
13 " 26	10.4	8.8	9.3	*	*	*	33.9
26 and over	19.7	13.2	9.1	*	*	*	50.6
Total	45.8	35.4	32.7	12.0	8.0	*	136.8
—weeks—							
Average (mean) duration	22.9	21.9	19.2	20.3	22.0	*	21.6
Median duration	22.0	19.3	15.9	16.5	19.2	*	19.2
THREE OR MORE SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—	—' 000—						
3 and under 4	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
4 " 13	*	9.1	5.1	*	*	*	22.0
13 " 26	*	7.0	*	*	*	*	19.3
26 and over	8.9	6.0	5.2	*	*	*	25.9
Total	16.2	22.3	14.6	9.3	*	*	68.2
—weeks—							
Average (mean) duration	24.7	19.2	20.3	18.8	*	*	21.2
Median duration	27.6	16.5	19.3	18.3	*	*	20.5
TOTAL							
Time spent looking for work (weeks)—	—' 000—						
1 and under 2	33.7	14.2	24.4	10.0	*	*	87.5
2 " 4	44.1	34.3	41.3	16.3	9.0	*	146.5
4 " 8	77.2	47.6	49.5	25.5	10.1	*	213.9
8 " 13	73.8	47.2	44.6	17.1	11.2	*	197.8
13 " 26	60.3	46.4	49.3	20.3	13.0	6.3	195.5
26 " 52	70.0	44.4	41.7	21.6	13.5	9.8	200.8
52 and over	32.0	29.5	29.2	18.1	18.9	12.6	140.2
Total	391.2	263.6	279.8	128.8	79.8	39.0	1,182.2
—weeks—							
Average (mean) duration	16.7	18.3	16.8	19.0	24.0	30.2	18.3
Median duration	10.7	11.8	10.8	11.7	18.5	33.5	11.6

**TABLE 32. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
LENGTH OF TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND MAJOR ACTIVITY
(' 000)**

Major activity when out of the labour force	Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)							Total
	1 and under 4	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52 and over	
MALES								
Attended an educational institution	6.2	14.4	20.5	32.0	125.6	31.2	151.3	381.2
Ill or injured	7.5	14.4	11.5	6.2	*	*	75.0	119.2
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	48.4	64.1	37.0	28.7	15.7	*	617.6	814.6
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	45.0	45.2
On strike	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	6.4
Other	14.4	9.0	5.7	*	*	*	*	37.6
Total(a)	82.1	105.1	75.6	70.8	146.0	36.4	902.1	1,418.1
FEMALES								
Kept house	36.7	68.8	92.9	109.9	116.0	59.2	2,093.6	2,577.2
Attended an educational institution	5.9	11.9	31.1	36.1	91.1	28.1	166.4	370.6
Ill or injured	*	6.4	6.6	*	*	*	26.7	50.4
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	31.4	32.6	18.5	12.8	10.1	*	219.8	326.5
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	24.2	24.2
Total(b)	86.9	123.9	153.7	164.0	221.2	90.2	2,534.5	3,374.3
PERSONS								
Kept house	38.4	70.0	93.8	111.2	116.0	59.2	2,102.6	2,591.1
Attended an educational institution	12.0	26.3	51.6	68.1	216.7	59.3	317.7	751.8
Ill or injured	11.8	20.8	18.1	9.1	5.6	*	101.7	169.6
Retired, voluntarily inactive, etc.	79.8	96.8	55.5	41.5	25.8	*	837.4	1,141.1
Permanently unable to work	*	*	*	*	*	*	69.2	69.4
On strike	4.5	*	*	*	*	*	*	7.0
Other	22.5	13.2	10.2	4.5	*	*	7.9	62.4
Total	169.0	229.0	229.3	234.9	367.2	126.5	3,436.5	4,792.4

(a) Includes males who were keeping house. (b) Includes on strike and other reasons.

**TABLE 33. PERSONS OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE DURING ALL OR PART OF THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1980 TO FEBRUARY 1981:
LENGTH OF TIME OUT OF THE LABOUR FORCE AND AGE**
(' 000)

<i>Length of time out of the labour force (weeks)</i>	<i>Age group (years)</i>								
	<i>15-19</i>	<i>20-24</i>	<i>25-34</i>	<i>35-44</i>	<i>45-54</i>	<i>55-59</i>	<i>60-64</i>	<i>65 and over</i>	<i>Total</i>
MALES									
1 and under 4	11.2	18.1	29.5	11.7	7.2	*	*	*	82.1
4 " 13	15.6	21.0	28.1	12.3	9.8	5.6	7.4	5.3	105.1
13 " 26	17.3	12.6	15.8	9.5	5.1	} 6.5 {	8.7	*	75.6
26 " 39	26.9	10.6	7.9	} 6.9 {	4.7		6.3	7.7	70.8
39 " 49	98.6	26.2	5.9		*	*	} 5.1 {	5.2	146.0
49 " 52	28.6	*	*	} {	*	*		*	36.4
52 and over	139.1	17.5	18.8		24.6	52.0	52.7	115.1	482.2	902.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>337.2</i>	<i>108.4</i>	<i>106.8</i>	<i>65.0</i>	<i>82.7</i>	<i>67.1</i>	<i>143.6</i>	<i>507.3</i>	<i>1,418.1</i>
MARRIED FEMALES									
1 and under 4	*	10.5	17.9	11.5	6.2	*	*	*	49.5
4 " 13	*	10.1	28.0	22.5	11.0	} 5.7 {	4.6	*	79.8
13 " 26	*	14.2	44.2	25.5	9.3		} 5.6 {	*	100.2
26 " 39	} 5.8 {	17.8	49.6	21.5	12.0	4.5		*	111.2
39 " 49		19.5	48.4	26.9	13.1	*	*	116.7	
49 " 52	*	7.2	31.3	10.1	7.9	*	*	58.5	
52 and over	8.3	88.1	374.7	272.9	295.9	190.2	176.2	305.0	1,711.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>18.3</i>	<i>167.5</i>	<i>594.1</i>	<i>390.9</i>	<i>355.3</i>	<i>204.7</i>	<i>188.6</i>	<i>307.8</i>	<i>2,227.2</i>
ALL FEMALES									
1 and under 4	12.0	23.7	26.0	13.4	7.7	*	} 5.5 {	*	86.9
4 " 13	16.7	26.6	35.3	23.9	12.9	} 6.3 {		*	123.9
13 " 26	31.4	25.5	50.8	28.4	10.9		} 6.5 {	*	153.7
26 " 39	34.8	26.0	55.4	23.3	13.4	5.4		*	164.0
39 " 49	78.7	35.0	54.9	28.5	14.1	} 4.9 {	5.8	*	221.3
49 " 52	21.8	12.7	32.8	10.8	9.0		*	*	90.2
52 and over	163.4	112.9	402.6	300.5	338.2	243.2	252.4	721.2	2,534.5
<i>Total</i>	<i>358.8</i>	<i>262.5</i>	<i>657.7</i>	<i>428.7</i>	<i>406.2</i>	<i>261.3</i>	<i>270.9</i>	<i>728.3</i>	<i>3,374.3</i>
PERSONS									
1 and under 4	23.2	41.8	55.5	25.0	14.9	*	*	*	169.0
4 " 13	32.4	47.6	63.4	36.2	22.8	9.5	10.8	6.4	229.0
13 " 26	48.7	38.2	66.6	37.9	16.0	5.0	11.9	4.9	229.3
26 " 39	61.7	36.7	63.3	27.3	18.1	7.9	9.7	10.2	234.9
39 " 49	177.2	61.2	60.8	30.3	16.7	4.6	10.2	6.2	367.2
49 " 52	50.4	15.1	33.5	11.8	10.2	*	*	*	126.5
52 and over	302.5	130.4	421.4	325.1	390.2	296.0	367.5	1,203.4	3,436.5
Total	696.1	370.8	764.4	493.7	488.9	328.4	414.5	1,235.6	4,792.4

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

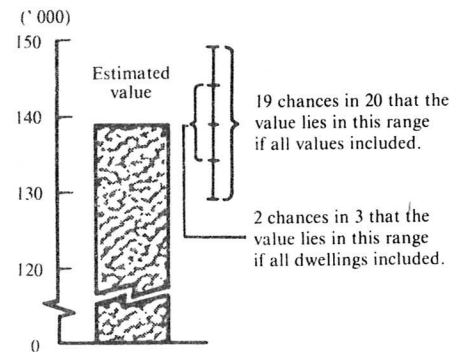
The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of state by age and sex, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the *relative standard error*, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these figures will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.

4. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 32 on the previous page shows the estimated number of males in Australia aged 15 to 19 years who were out of the labour force for 52 weeks or more is 139,100. Since this estimate is between 100,000 and 200,000 in the standard error table, the standard error for Australia will be between 4,500 and 5,900, and can be approximated as 5,000 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 134,100 to 144,100 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 129,100 and 149,100. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



5. As can be seen from the standard error table, *the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error*. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, estimates less than the lowest levels shown in the standard error table have not been published. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The reliability of an estimated percentage or rate, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. For small percentages the relative standard error of the percentage is approximated by the relative standard error of the numerator, which may be obtained from the standard error table. For other percentages the relative standard error will be lower than that of the numerator.

7. Published figures may also be used to estimate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such a figure is itself an estimate and is therefore subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

$$SE(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula is strictly applicable only to differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or sub-populations, it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. An example of the use of the above formula is as follows: the difference between the estimates of males and females aged 15 to 19 years who were out of the labour force for the whole period (Table 32) is 24,300 (163,400-139,100). The standard error of this estimate may be calculated as follows: from the table below the standard error of the two original estimates can be approximated as 5,400 and 5,000 respectively. Therefore, the standard error of the difference (24,300) is $\sqrt{(5,400)^2 + (5,000)^2}$ or 7,400 (rounded to the nearest 100). Thus there are about two chances in three that the difference that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included in the survey is within the range 16,900 to 31,700 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it is between 9,500 and 39,100.

9. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error* and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	Australia								Relative standard error (per cent)
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	
	—number—								
1,500						350			
2,300				550	550	400	550	550	
3,000				650	650	450	650	600	
3,500			850	650	700	500	700	600	
4,000			900	700	700	500	700	650	
4,500			950	750	750	550	750	700	1100
5,000	1250	1250	1000	800	800	550	800	700	1200
6,000	1350	1350	1050	850	850	600	850	750	1300
7,000	1450	1400	1150	900	900	650	900	800	1400
10,000	1700	1650	1350	1050	1050	750	1050	850	1650
20,000	2350	2200	1750	1350	1400	950	1350	1050	2250
50,000	3400	3100	2500	1850	1900	1250	1900	1300	3400
100,000	4450	4000	3250	2350	2400	1450	2450	1450	4500
200,000	5750	5050	4100	2950	2950	1750		1600	5900
300,000	6650	5700	4700	3300	3300				6850
500,000	7900	6650	5550	3850	3800				8250
1,000,000	9800	8050	6850						10400
2,000,000	12000	9650							13000
5,000,000	15350	11850							17050

— Estimates below the levels indicated have not been published, see paragraph 5 above.

